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Appl. No.	:	09/492,709	)
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Filed	:	January 27, 2000	)
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For	:	GENES IDENTIFIED AS REQUIRED FOR PROLIFERATION IN ESCHERICHIA COLI	)
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Examiner	:	Marschel, A.	)

AMENDMENT

Examiner Ardin Marschel  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed May 6, 2002, for the above referenced application. Applicants appreciate the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner during the telephonic interview of July 25, 2002. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please cancel Claims 100 and 101.**

**Please enter the following amendments and add the following new claims:**

35. (Amended) A method of screening a candidate compound for the ability to reduce the activity or level of a gene product required for cell proliferation, wherein said candidate compound is not previously known to possess the ability to reduce cell proliferation, said method comprising the steps of: